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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office action of August 30, 2006, please consider the following remarks. Applicants believe that no extensions of time are required for this Amendment and Response to be entered and considered. If, however, any extension or any fees are required for the entry of this paper, please consider this to be conditional authorization to charge any extension fees or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-1700. Please make the following amendments, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks.

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